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a first finger in the plurality of fingers having an axial length  
14 between axially spaced connected and free ends and a prong projecting  
generally oppositely to the first axial direction from a first axial location on the  
16 first finger; and

a locking member that is movable axially relative to the first finger  
18 between first and second positions,

the locking member having a surface that cooperates with a  
20 surface on the first finger to produce a bias force on the first finger radially  
inwardly relative to the central axis as the locking member is moved from the  
22 first position into the second position,

wherein the locking member can be selectively placed and  
24 frictionally maintained in each of the first and second positions.

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24. The combination according to claim <sup>23</sup>~~25~~ wherein the second  
2 end of the tubular fitting has a receptacle for the externally threaded connecting  
port and with the locking member in the first position, the first finger is biased  
4 radially outwardly so as not to engage the threads on the externally threaded  
connecting port as the externally threaded connecting port is directed axially  
6 relative to and into the receptacle in the second end of the tubular fitting.

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